

SECTION 2

LEGISLATION PERTAINING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS

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Numerous changes were made to charter school legislation since its inception in 1994. A completely revised 2003 edition of *West's Arizona Education Code*, which incorporates all of the changes, is available by calling West Publishing Company at 1-800-328-9352.

We have included in this handbook:

- Copies of charter school legislation
 - Board of Education rule on the Charter School Stimulus Fund
- Note:** State stimulus funds are not budgeted and therefore are not currently available. You may apply for Federal stimulus (implementation grant) funds directly to the US Department of Education. Phone number for the USDOE is 202-205-9178. You may contact them for information about federal legislation relating to charter schools. Their website is <http://www.ed.gov/>

This section of the handbook is provided for your convenience and to save you time in researching legislation that is pertinent to Arizona charter schools.

This chapter fulfills the requirement of ARS 15-183 (E)(1) which states, “The Department of Education shall publish a list of relevant rules, regulations and statutes to notify charter schools of their responsibilities under this paragraph.”

The State and Federal statutes and regulations applicable to charter schools, including those that apply to businesses, employers or schools, are also provided for easy reference. These statutes and regulations can be used as a checklist to ensure all state and federal requirements are met when planning and operating a charter school. This section is not intended to be an exhaustive listing of all relevant laws and regulations. Specific questions regarding applicability or exceptions should be referred to the charter school applicant's legal counsel.

Copies of the chartered bills that may be passed during the present and upcoming legislative sessions will be available from the Office of the Secretary of State through the Public Services Division. The phone number to call to request a bill is (800) 458-5842. You may also fax your request to (602) 542-4366. Please ask for the bill by the chapter number and, if requesting multiple bills, put them in chronological order.

To find further information about current bills or specific sections of the Arizona Revised Statutes, go to ALIS on-line at <http://www.azleg.state.az.us/>